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WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: MAKARIOS RECEIVES DANISH AMBASSADOR MAY 28 AND
AGREES TO PARDON DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN CONVICTED FOR CALLING AT
"ILLEGAL" FAMAGUSTA PORT. DENKTASH SAYS MAY 30 THAT UDI IS
NOT NECESSARY, UNDERCUTTING SUDDEN AND FEVERISH SPECULATION
IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ASTAVIN MAKES
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UNUSUAL HOLIDAY CALL (MAY 30) ON ARCHBISHOP, REPORTEDLY TO
DISCUSS UDI. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS SEES U.S. AS COVERTLY
SUPPORTING UDI AND DOUBLE-ENOSIS. TURKISH PRESS
ATTACKS "UNHELPFUL U.S. INTERVENTION" AND HYPOCRISY OF
GREEKS IN PROFESSING SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHILE WAGING
ECONOMIC WARFARE AGAINST TURKISH COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MAY 28 MEETING WITH DANISH AMBASSADOR, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AGREED TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO RELEASE OF DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS IN PRISON FOR CALLING AT TURKISH CYPRIOT-CONTROLLED PORT OF FAMAGUSTA. DANISH CAPTAIN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED MAY 30. COMMENTING ON CAPTAIN'S RELEASE, TFSC SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED HOPE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD HALT ECONOMIC WARFARE, SAID THAT SUCH ACTIONS DO NOT REFLECT SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE, AND NOTED THAT RELEASE OF CAPTAIN COULD MAKE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN NICOSIA ON JUNE 3.

2. DENKTASH, ADDRESSING NEWSMEN MORNING MAY 30, COOLED SUDDEN AND FEVERISH SPATE OF UDI RUMORS WHICH MOUNTED IN BOTH COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM EIGHTH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. NOTING THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ALREADY ENJOYED SELF-ADMINISTRATION AND HAD SUCCESSFULLY PROTECTED ITS RIGHTS IN A BICOMMUNAL, INDEPENDENT CYPRUS REPUBLIC, DENKTASH SAID THAT THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE" IS ONE OF THE TWO INDEPENDENT, AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLD; THAT TURKISH COMMUNITY WAS EQUAL TO THE GREEKS IN ALL FIELDS, AND THAT ACCORDINGLY "THERE IS NO NEED FOR A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE." NEVERTHELESS, DENKTASH WARNED, CONTINUATION OF GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ATTACKS AGAINST THE TURKS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA WILL ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER SEPARATION AND LEAVE THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WITH NO COURSE BUT UDI.

3. SOVIET AMBASSADOR ASTAVIN MADE UNUSUAL HOLIDAY CALL ON ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ON MAY 30. NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE FOLLOWING THE MEETING, BUT PRESS REPORTED AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES AS SAYING "THAT MEETING WAS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE" AND CONCERNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLEGED SOVIET REPRESENTATIONS TO PREVENT UDI MOVE BY THE TURKS. COMMENT: WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE ASTAVIN MAKARIOS MEETING. HOLDING OF MEETING ON A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, HOWEVER, IS CURIOUS AND SUGGESTS THAT MAKARIOS MAY HAVE WANTED TO REMIND OTHERS (PRESUMABLY THE U.S.) THAT HE STILL CAN PLAY THE SOVIET CARD IF HE WANTS. IN ANY CASE, LEFTIST AND PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS QUICKLY TOOK UP THE HINT, COMPARING U.S. UNFAVORABLY WITH U.S.S.R. ON THE UDI QUESTION. DEMOKRATIKI (WEEKLY VERSION OF SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS), FOR EXAMPLE, REPORTED THAT "CERTAIN WESTERN POWERS" WERE SUPPORTING UDI IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FURTHER GREEK CONCESSIONS AND TO PROMOTE "THEIR WELL-KNOWN" DOUBLE-ENOSIS PLANS. COMMUNIST DEMOKRATIA, HARAVGHI, AND PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA ECHOED SAME THEME, CALLING FOR VIGILANCE, STRONG ACTIONS, AND INTERNATIONALIZATION. END COMMENT)

4. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS, MEANWHILE, ASSAILED "UNNECESSARY INTERVENTION" OF U.S. IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, CHARGING THAT U.S. HAS CAUSED NEAR DEADLOCK IN THE TALKS BY ENCOURAGING GREEK INTRANSIGENCE AND CONCESSIONS FROM THE TURKS. OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI,

WHICH IN PAST WEEK MOVED EDITORIALY FROM OPPOSITION TO QUALIFIED
SUPPORT FOR UDI, REMINDED GREEKS THAT DESPITE DIFFERENCE WITH
DENKTASH ADMINISTRATION ON INTERNAL ISSUES, IT WOULD SUPPORT UDI
IF NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE REMAINED. IN SERIES OF WEEKEND EDITORIALS,
BOTH HALKIN SESI AND PRO-DENKTASH ZAMAN ALSO STRESSED THAT GREEK
CYPRIOT ECONOMIC WARFARE WAS PUSHING THE TURKS INTO COMPLETE
SEPARATION AND THAT SUCH ACTIONS WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH GREEKS-
PROFESSED DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.
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